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for the

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my thirty fifth Annual Report dealing with the health of the inhabitants of Padiham during 1960.

Acting on the instruction of the Ministry of Health this will be an interim report, confined to essential or urgent matters which have affected the Public Health during the year, such as overcrowding, sanitation, distribution of clean food, and outbreaks of infectious diseases etc.

VITAL STATISTICS

Mortality rates per 1,000 est. population -

Total (all forms)

Crude rate	13.2
Adjusted rate	13.5
Respiratory T.B.	Nil
Malignant neoplasms, etc. (Columns 10 - 15 incl. of S.D. 30)	2.03

Live birth rates per 1,000 est. population -

Crude rate	15.1
Adjusted rate	15.5

Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total births 32.7

Maternal mortality per 1,000 total births Nil

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 27.0

Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births 20.3

Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births 13.5

Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total births 45.8

Population Estimated mid-year Home Population 9830

<u>Comparability Factors</u>	Births	1.03
	Deaths	1.02

Live Births	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	69	71	148
Illegitimate	6	2	

Still Births

Legitimate	2	2	5
Illegitimate	1	-	

Deaths of Infants under 1 year
of age

Legitimate	1	2	4
Illegitimate	1	-	

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks
of age

Legitimate	-	2	3
Illegitimate	1	-	

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age			
Legitimate	-	1	2
Illegitimate	1	-	
Deaths from all causes	68	62	130

Causes of Death

Malignant neoplasm - Uterus	3
Stomach	1
Lungs	3
Breast	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	11
Diabetes	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	21
Syphilitic disease	1
Coronary disease, angina	22
Hypertension with heart disease	3
Other heart diseases	15
Other circulatory diseases	9
Pneumonia	2
Bronchitis	10
Other diseases of the respiratory system	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1
Congenital Malformations	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	14
Accidents	3
Suicide	1
Motor accidents	1

SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

The unemployment which occurred during 1952 and which was more or less confined to Cotton Operatives was less prevalent during 1960.

Most of the mills in Padiham run their own canteens and these should be encouraged and used more than they are, by the workers.

The County Council has control of two nurseries in the area where children under school age, of women engaged in industry are looked after. The staff in these nurseries have been instructed to isolate or send home any child who is not well and thus prevent infections from spreading.

All the schools in the district provide dinners for the children and this is to be highly commended.

In connection with the welfare of the old people, a voluntary association has been set up and is doing valuable work, such as, letter writing, doing shopping when necessary, giving advice and arranging for domestic help in cases of sickness.

So far as the health of the aged is concerned there is no doubt that the sons and daughters will have to bear their fair share of looking after them and not leave it to others.

A hostel for the aged people is completed and occupied and is proving a huge success.

The Ministry of Health has been rather disturbed about arrangements for relief duty especially at nights in Midwifery but so far as Padiham is concerned no complaints have been received and the rota system is working very satisfactorily, but I still think there is room for a second resident midwife in the area.

The health of the inhabitants has been fairly good during the year and so far as recreations are concerned full advantage was taken of all the facilities controlled by the Local Authority and the various Sunday Schools.

Valuable work is being done by the association formed to help handicapped and disabled people in Padiham.

From observations of my own and those of the local Practitioners, there seems to be more dental caries than normal and as the flourine content of the water was rather low arrangements have been made to alter this.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

- i. The water supply has been good both in quantity and quality. Chemically and bacteriologically the water has been excellent. Three samples were sent for bacteriological examination, and all were satisfactory.
- ii. The number of dwelling houses and the number of population supplied from public water mains are:-

	<u>Dwelling houses.</u>	<u>Population.</u>
(a) Direct to the houses	3623	9960
(b) By means of stand pipes	Nil	Nil

Sewerage

The district is on the water carriage system with the exception of two outlying farm houses.

Number of pail closets	4
Number of waste water closets	1021
Number of fresh water closets	5035
Number of houses connected to system	3623
Number of waste water closets converted to fresh water closets during the year	58

Fennyfold Farm has had the pail closet replaced by a septic tank system of sewerage disposal.

Rivers and Streams

The Lancashire Rivers Board is responsible for the supervision and protection of rivers and streams in the district. Green Brook became heavily polluted on one occasion by diesel oil from Ivy Bank which in turn had been similarly polluted by a leaking oil tank at a factory in Rossendale Road, Burnley.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR

Houses - Public Health Act	159
Houses - Housing Act	55
Houses - Rent Act	2
Housing - Improvement Grants	185
Fireguard Act	2
Infectious disease cases	12
Rodent control	128
Revisits	117
Factories	25
Workshops	3
Shops Act	620
Smoke observations	26
Bakehouses	40
Fish and chip shops	25
Food premises	65
Pet shops	11
Aged persons	8

SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR (continued)

Clean Air Act	42
Butchers' shops	43
Ice-cream premises	30
Slaughterhouses	181
Milk sampling	4
Sampling (various)	32
Tinned and other foods	4
Houses - Disinfection	2
Houses - Disinfestation	8
Domestic refuse collection	151
Trade refuse collection	47
Refuse disposal (Tips)	505
Salvage	499
Miscellaneous	401
Overcrowding	3

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RODENT CONTROL

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses Inc. Council Houses	All other including Business Premises	Total of Cols. (1) (2) and (3)	Agriculture
i. Number of properties in Local Authority District	4	3737	372	4113	14
ii. Number of properties inspected as a result of:					
(a) Notification	4	99	7	106	
(b) Survey under the act	-	-	74	78	14
(c) Otherwise	-	43	235	278	-
iii. Total Inspections carried out including re-inspections	506	245	632	1383	38
iv. Number of properties inspected which were found to be infested with					
(a) Rats	4	66	13	83	-
(b) Mice	-	19	1	20	-
v. Number of infested properties treated by L.A.	4	85	14	103	-
vi. Total treatments carried out incl. re-treatments	31	71	120	222	-

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses Inc. Council Houses	All other including Business Premises	Total of Cols. (1) (2) and (3)	Agri-culture
vii. Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act.					
(a) Treatment	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Structural Work	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
viii. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Section 4 of the Act	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
ix. Legal Proceedings	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
x. Number of 'block' control schemes carried out.	Nil	Nil	3	3	Nil

AGRICULTURAL ACT, 1956

Sanitary Conveniences on Farms

The farm properties in this district are visited at frequent intervals, and all matters which require inspection are dealt with. It has not been found necessary to take any action under the above Act.

DISINFESTATION

Twelve premises were dealt with for vermin; two for cockroaches, five for fleas and five for bugs. The refuse tip at Lumb Wood was periodically dusted with D.D.T. powder to ensure cockroach and cricket control.

FOOD AND DRUGS

(a) Slaughterhouses

A report on 'Slaughterhouse Facilities', required under Section 3 (1) of the Slaughterhouse Act, 1958 was prepared and issued on August 26th, 1960. The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food has accepted the report and has appointed July 1st, 1961, as the day from which all slaughterhouses in the District must comply with the construction regulations.

Seven persons applied for and were granted licences to slaughter animals.

(b) Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

Cow Livers 10, Ox Livers 3, Sheep Livers 35, Sheep Lung 1.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	48	60	19	823	9
Number inspected	48	60	19	823	9

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep Lambs	Pigs
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	3	10	Nil	36	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B. and Cysticerci	6.25%	16.33%	Nil	4.3%	Nil
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with T.B.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(c) The Public Health (Meat Regulations, 1924)

No contraventions were observed during the year.

Food Premises

Ministry of Health Circular 19/56

i and iii	Type of Food Premises	Number	Inspections
(d)	Bakers and Confectioners	18	40
	Butchers and meat purveyors	16	43
	Cafes and Snack bars	2	4
	Chemists	4	8
	Cooked foods	2	4
	Fish fryers	11	25
	Fishmongers	3	6
	Greengrocers	13	26
	Grocers	62	124
	Licenced premises	16	32
	Aerated waters (mineral)	2	4
	Off licences	10	20
	Poultry dealer	1	12
	Potato merchant	1	2
	Sweets - sugar confections	10	40
	Wine merchants	2	4
	Tripe dresser	1	4

(e) Milk and Dairies:-

- i. The following registration and licencing matters were dealt with during the year.

Number of persons registered as Distributors of Milk	46
Number of premises registered as Dairies	6
Number of dealers licenced to use Special Designation 'Tuberculin Tested'	9
Number of dealers licenced to use Special Designation 'Pasteurised'	31
Number of dealers licenced to use Special Designation 'Sterilised'	28
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- ii. The following is the state of registered premises:-

Number of premises registered for sale or manufacture of ice-cream	61
Number of premises registered for preparation or manufacture of sausage or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food	43
Total number of registrations during the year	104

(f) Food Hygiene Regulations

Regular visits were made to food preparing premises, and it is a pleasure to report that it has not been necessary to make any official representation.

(g) Foodstuffs

The following quantity of foodstuffs was examined, condemned for original use, surrendered for disposal and destroyed:-

245 packages of various foodstuffs weighing 161 lbs. 4 oz.

The case of cat and dog meat being advertised as fit for human consumption was finalised by the "notice" and "meat" being withdrawn from the shop concerned.

(h) Food Poisoning

One unconfirmed case was reported by the Medical Officer of Health, Skipton Rural District Council.

Detailed investigations were carried out in the local Tripe Dressers establishment. Diligent cleansing reduced heavy mixed bacterial growth in dressed tripe and sheep trotters to scanty mixed bacterial growth which is a tolerable low plate count.

(i) Offensive Trades

The following offensive trades are now in existence in the area.

Tripe Boiler	1
Size Maker	1
Fish Fryers	12

The various premises have been inspected on 42 occasions.

CLEAN AIR ACT

- (a) A public inquiry into the Padiham No. 1 Smoke Control Area was held on the 29th March, 1960.

The Minister disallowed the appeal and ordered that the conditions of a Smoke Control Area shall come into operation on the 1st September, 1961.

CLEAN AIR ACT (continued)

- (b) The proposed Padiham No. 2 Smoke Control Area is now under survey.
- (c) Five complaints were received during the year and 26 smoke observations were made. 236 interviews and discussions with householders and managements took place during the year.
- (d) Fog occurred on nine days during the year.

HOUSING

- (a) Number of new houses erected during the year 38
- (b) Number of houses erected under the various acts:-

i. Housing Act, 1919	31
ii. Housing Act, 1923/24	170
iii. Housing Act, 1930/36	228
iv. Housing Act, 1936/46	21
v. Housing Act, 1946/51	260
vi. Housing Act, 1957	76
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- (c) Overcrowding.

No overcrowding, as set down in the Housing Act, was observed during the year although three cases of complaints by tenants were submitted to the Committee.

HOUSING CONDITIONS

- i. Demolition and Closing Orders:-

<u>Housing Act, 1957</u>	Houses	Number of Persons Displaced
(a) Demolished - Section 16	Nil	4
(b) Closed - undertaking still in force	2	22

- ii. Repairs

Rendered fit - informal action 36

Public Health Act

Defects remedied (1) By owners	5
(2) By Local Authority	3

- iii. Clearance of Unfit Houses

Ministry circular No. 2/60 gave directions to local authorities to submit further slum clearance scheme to be undertaken before June 30th, 1964.

The following programme was submitted and approved.

The total problem

(a)	The original estimate of unfit houses	367
(b)	Houses in clearance areas demolished	55
(c)	Houses not in clearance areas closed or demolished	23
(d)	Houses included for demolition or closure but still occupied	13
(e)	Houses taken out of original estimate	
	Well Street	10
	Parish Street	18
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	Remains to be dealt with	248
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iv. Further proposals for action in the next five years

- (a) 93 dwelling houses are scheduled to be dealt with in six clearance areas.
- (b) 68 back to back houses are to be cleared by demolition or converted into through houses.

v. The following areas have been represented under Section 25 of the Act.

The Padiham (John O'Gaunt Street, Barbon Street, Henthorn Street and Guy Street) Clearance Area, 1960.

The Padiham (Waddington Street) Clearance Area, 1960.

The Padiham (Morley Street and Ribble Street) Clearance Area, 1960.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

1960 was more or less a normal year, apart from a brisk epidemic of measles which accounted for 204 cases. The type was mild and no deaths were recorded.

The following cases of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) were notified during the year.

Measles	204
Chicken Pox	30
Scarlet Fever	6
Whooping Cough	23

TUBERCULOSIS

The following cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the year:-

Respiratory	6
Non-respiratory	1

All new cases are thoroughly investigated and followed up, and all the new treatments are showing excellent results as shown by the decreased death rate from Tuberculosis. Immediate contacts are X-rayed, given the Montoux Test and examined by the Chest Physician.

It is my firm contention that the Mass Radiographic Unit should visit our area more frequently, say alternate years, and in this way, keep tuberculosis under better control.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

For years I have advocated that Padiham should have a public swimming bath, but to the present nothing has been done about it.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

Inspections

Premises			Number of	
			Inspections	Written Notices
Factories with Mechanical Power			25	1
Factories without Mechanical Power			3	1

<u>Defects Found</u>				
Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Unsatisfactory Sanitary Conveniences	2	1	1	1

Classification of Factories and Workshops:

Abrasive wheel manufacturing	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Abrasive crushing and grinding	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bread and confectionery	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Boiled sweet makers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Book binding and packing	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Boot repairers and cloggers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Carpet manufacturers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cotton weaving etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Cotton waste sorter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Corn grinding	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Cushion maker	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dress-making, milliners etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Drysalter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Electrical generation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Electrical engineering	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Engineering (jobbing)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fire-place makers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Gas appliance maker	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Heating plant engineers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Hospital clothing maker	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Iron founding	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Joinery	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Jute pulling	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Laundry	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Leather (artificial chamois) manufacturers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Motor vehicle repairer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Minerals (Aerated) waters	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Mop makers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Printers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Painters	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Poultry plucking	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Power owners	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Photographers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Plumbers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Plush weaving	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rag and fent sorting.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rayon fabric weaving	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ready mixed concrete manufacturers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Reed makers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Salvage packing	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Silk weaving	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Size makers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Tailors	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Tripe dressers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Wadding (laminated)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Wireless/Television	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2

The number of Factories now in the Register is 69
The number of Workplaces now in the Register is 13
The number of Bakehouses now in the Register is 15

To bring about closer co-operation between the Local Authority and H.M . Inspector of Factories, the Council now advise persons who submit plans for factory premises to consult H. M. Inspector of Factories as to whether the proposed lavatory accommodation etc. complies with legal requirements.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Clerk of the Council, the Public Health Inspector and the Surveyor for their loyal co-operation during the year.

I am,
Madam and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant

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Medical Officer of Health

